Light for shelter
by Bert R. Smit, director of ADRA-UK

Peter Delhove is the ADRA country director in Madagascar. On a recent trip we made together I had forgotten to bring a hat – an essential item in hot sunny climates – but he generously gave me one of his to use. The next day, during our team worship, I mentioned that Peter had provided me with shelter (a hat for my sunburned head) – but that I was going to give him light! At which I introduced the WakaWaka light to the ADRA leadership present at the meeting.

The WakaWaka light is a small miracle that is now making a difference around the world. Just a few hours of charging in the sun will render up to 80 hours of light.

With more than 400 WakaWaka lights now distributed in Burkina Faso, we hear reports of how these small lights have changed lives. Kennedy Habasimbi, ADRA-UK’s Africa region co-ordinator, based in Lusaka, recently visited some of the households that received these lights. He reports that children are finally able to study safely at night without inhaling the poisonous fumes from kerosene lamps. Not using the kerosene lamps saves a lot of money too: often more than 20% of income is spent on kerosene. Since receiving their lamps, children are grouping together around the WakaWaka lights to complete their assignments, and women feel safe to walk to their wells at night because of these lights.

But we will not rest. We want to let our light shine even brighter! We currently have requests from ADRA Madagascar and ADRA Myanmar to help banish their darkness! We are now planning to distribute 1,000 lights in Madagascar and 1,000 lights in Myanmar.

In Myanmar the lights will be provided to beneficiaries of a project ADRA-UK is undertaking in the dry desert zone of the country with funding from UK aid. People here live in extreme circumstances – no electricity, no running water – and WakaWaka lights will change their lives.

After I donated the WakaWaka light to Peter he took it home to Madagascar to show his team, who decided that it could help people there too. They have now asked for our help, and we are currently working with ADRA Madagascar to see how we can assist.

Through your donations in recent months we have been able to raise over £3,000 for this project. Each light costs about £10. Your help with the Annual Appeal will put us in a position to deliver more WakaWaka lights as part of ADRA-UK programmes in Asia and Africa.

Please help us to help!
Donate online at http://is.gd/gtUjP5 or via our website at adra.org.uk
Where is the spring?

After the winter we’ve had, I thought we should remit ourselves what spring should look like. This lovely picture of a typical British park in spring was sent by Jorge Tres.

I’ve not had much from you of late – possibly due to the weather out there? But please keep sending me your pictures of all things nature.

Send them in to me at: adevent@stamfordorgpress.co.uk. Just remember to mark them ‘Happy stopping!’

DAVID WILL, Mainstream DESIGNER

To see more of your images, go to: http://adventistwebministries-ori-gn.uk.adventist.eu/megapixels

*Pictures sent in for Megapixels may be used by us at our discretion on other projects.

Megapixels of creation

The chatter of birds’
After listening restlessly to a long and tedious sermon, a little boy asked his father what the preacher did for the rest of the week. ‘Oh, he’s a very busy man,’ the father replied. He takes care of church business, visits the sick, ministers to the poor, cares for the shut-ins, prepares sermons and prayer meetings – he hardly has time to rest. Speaking in public isn’t an easy job, son.

Jeremiah’s preaching elicited a much stronger response from his hearers than that of this little boy. Indeed, by the time we reach chapter 36 of Jeremiah we find that his preaching has his listeners plotting to kill him. In fact, when Jeremiah went to his hometown to preach, ironically it was a town that housed many of the priests of Judah, these were so incensed by his sermons that they plotted to kill him (chapter 11). When the priest Pashur ben Immer heard Jeremiah’s sermon, he had him beaten up and restrained in public at one of Jerusalem’s most frequented city gates (Jeremiah 20:1-3). Jeremiah’s preaching placed a heavy toll on his own life and emotions, so much so that he expressed regret at ever having been born (20:14). Jeremiah’s preaching also elicited other responses. While he pleaded about a coming destruction because of the sins of the nation, a number of other preachers emerged who ‘rubbished and contradicted everything that Jeremiah preached (Jeremiah 27:8).

Even after chapter 36, which is our passage for consideration today, we find that the strong reactions to his preaching continued. Especially when he said that Jerusalem would be handed over to the Babylonians, his listeners made the case that he should be tried for treason and put to death, for his preaching was discouraging the soldiers as well as the people. When the treason charge failed, officials dumped him in a dried well where he was left to die of starvation, hypothermia and suffocation (Jeremiah 38).

Jeremiah’s preaching elicited some extremely violent responses.

Historical context

When we come to chapter 36, Jeremiah is on a banned preachers’ list. He couldn’t appear in the pulpit but he was determined to be heard. Calling aside his faithful servant Baruch, Jeremiah had him write down God’s message for the people. Then Baruch was instructed to go to the temple and preach Jeremiah’s sermon (36:6). He did so, and among those present were officials from the king’s palace who requested that Baruch share the sermon with them in private. Having heard it again, they concluded that it had been authored by Jeremiah. The officials told Baruch to go into hiding with Jeremiah, then took the manuscript to the king, telling him that Jeremiah had preached in the temple building. It was at this point that the handwritten manuscript was read to King Jehoiakim – he received it with contempt. ‘Whenever Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king cut them off with a sword in the scribe’s hand, until the entire scroll was burned in the fire. The king and all his attendants who heard all these words showed no fear, nor did they tear their clothes.’ Jeremiah 36:23, 24 (NKJV).

Persecution

Jeremiah’s experience has a modern-day resonance. His life and ministry show us that persecution often follows the proclamation of God’s Word. The Word, not the person or personality of the preacher, drives persecution.

Jeremiah was not persecuted because he was ginger, black, female, white, or noble. He was persecuted for preaching God’s Word.

The king forgot my conversation with a good brother who was moving back to Jamaica. I expected that he was moving back to Jamaica. It is not because of the persecution but because God has called him away. I said, ‘No Pastor, I am moving back to the hills.’

I said, ‘What?’

‘No, Pastor, Britain na have mountains like Jamaica and when the time of persecution come can run to them!’

This was a response from Adventist Christians who have moved out of the cities to the country. This is done in accordance with the instruction contained in chapter 36:6. There they were safe and secure. However, while moving to the country is good preparation for a future crisis, Ellen White also gave the following counsel, but I cannot recall many quoting this:

1. We see the great need of missionary work to reach the people of all the countries of the world, and to those who are near us. Close around us are cities and villages in which no efforts are made to save souls. Why should not families know who present the truth settle in these cities and villages, and go there to set up the standard of Christ, working in humility, not in their own way, but in God’s way, to bring the light before those who have no knowledge of it? When the church shall truly have the spirit of the message, they will throw all their energies into the work of saving the souls for whom Christ has died. They will enter new fields.

2. Everyone who has been wonderfully preserved from the untold horrors and manhoods we have been through to save the souls for whom Christ has died. They will enter new fields.

(Ellen G. White, Review & Herald, 29 September, 1891 – ‘Missionary Work’)

Now say this to make this point: persecution will come, but our first preparation as Adventist Christians to be like Jeremiah and proclaim God’s Word, where we live in the cities or where we move to the country to preach, or, as Ellen White counselled, we purposely move into the cities to witness to them. If we are seeking for persecution, without proclaiming God’s Word to a dying world, we are engaging in a somewhat futile effort which means God to be interested only in our salvation, and not that of the dying communities we leave behind.

Persecution is based on proclamation. Permit me to say, in all humility, as one who is tasked to lead this church at this point in time, that however, sometimes the message we have to share does not lend itself to gaining new friends. God’s Word can arouse great tensions and agitations, even to the point of violence.

Time after time, Scripture says Jeremiah had to keep on preaching the word of God in the Lord’s presence until ‘the word of the Lord came to him’. This phrase appears more than fifty times in the book of Jeremiah, and when the word of the Lord came to him he proclaimed:

Conclusion

Jeremiah had to keep on preaching God’s judgement message because it reflected His desire to save His people. We give up witnessing so easily, because people do not respond as we are listening, but that does not always happen.

Daniel and Revelation, Great Controversy and Restoring the King, and Prophecies, and Desires of Ages should now go to the world. The great instruction contained in chapter 36 is simply because God’s love is stronger than our rejection.

After Jehoiakim destroyed the sermon, the Lord ordered Jeremiah to write a duplicate of it (v. 28). God’s message was not to be lost, but translated with more added to it. It takes more than a king’s knife to destroy God’s message.

**Persecution**

Text: Jeremiah 36:21-24

Pastor Ian Sweeney, British Union Conference president, illustrates just how painful the consequences of preaching and witnessing can be.

**devotional**
I. Origin of the Adventist Reform Movement

We have lightly edited the original to make it easier on the British eye and ear:

The following essay, which appeared in the magazine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, states: ‘We are reaching out to London’s lost millions, Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement ‘missionaries’ could be trying to drag our ‘sheep’ and ‘lambs’ away! Based on their track record around the world, the reality is this: while we are reaching out to London’s lost millions, Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement ‘missionaries’ could be trying to drag our ‘sheep’ and ‘lambs’ away! Is this perhaps just sheer coincidence, but it could also be quite intentional, especially when you remember that the Trans-European Division (in partnership with the British Union and the South England Conference) will be busy with the build-up to our ‘Mission to the Big Cities: London’ project at the same time.

According to an advert they are circulating, they want forty volunteers to sell religious books from door to door in London during this period. Surely there shouldn’t be a problem with that, you may say; ‘it can only do good.’

Not so! Especially once you understand the way this movement ‘evangelises’. According to Pastor Helmut Kramer, one of their former members and author of the book The Seventh-day Adventist Reform Movement: ‘Their major mission is to draw people from the Adventist Church rather than to evangelise the lost.’

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When anyone arises, either among us or outside of us, who is burdened with a message which declares that the people of God are numbered with Babylon, and which testifies that Babylon is fallen, he may know that he is not bearing the message of truth. Receive him not, nor bid him Godspeed; for God has not spoken by his reason we are providing our readers with information about this ‘movement’. Several of their teachings cannot be supported by either Scripture or Ellen G. White’s writings:

Liberty of conscience – The Reform Movement insists that the Church must spell out and hold up strict and specific standards for the people to follow. In many cases, the members themselves expect the Church to specify every detail of how they are to act in any given situation – for example, in military service. Little room is given to an individual’s conscience.

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Vegetarianism – They have made the question of vegetarianism a test of fellowship, despite the clear statement from Ellen White, ‘We are not to make the use of flesh food a test of fellowship. (Testimonies to the Church, vol. 9, page 159.)’

144,000 – They accept this figure as a literal number. Seventh-day Adventists believe only 144,000 will be redeemed through the preaching of the three angels’ messages in the period extending from 1844 to the end of time. This provides a reason for their small number.

Closed Communion – Reform Adventists hold that since Christ held the Last Supper alone with His disciples, the Communion Service is reserved only for members in good and regular standing.

Divorce and remarriage – The stand taken by the Reform Movement on this subject is that, no matter what has taken place in a marital breakup, there is no possibility even for the innocent party to be restored to church membership if or she remarries.

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Hello Stars!

Jesus was more than just an ordinary man. This week unscramble these letters to find out one of His jobs.

The disciples of Jesus wrote about this important work.

Put the words below in their correct order. Start at the last word and put it first in a sentence. Do the same with the rest of these words:

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Through beginning the in God with was He. God was Word the and; God with was Word the and; Word the was beginning the In’ John 1:1-3.

‘In the

The special name for Jesus, when He created human beings, is recorded in Genesis 2:7.

Find out what it is by adding the letters ‘o’ and ‘d’ to

Jesus could have created everything in an instant, but He didn’t. He took six days. Each day He added something new.

On the sixth day God no longer shouted out what was to be created. Instead, He was going to make someone so special He used His own hands. God knelt down, like a talented artist, and created the first human being: Adam. Because Jesus was not living on our planet, Adam felt lonely, so God created Eve to be with Adam and have children. Look up the words about creation in this wordsearch.

By making us, God shows the other worlds how special we are and how much He loves us. Some people have forgotten that Jesus is the Creator, and say that the first humans were the children of apes and monkeys.

Draw a picture of Jesus, who created your great, great . . . grandparents in the Garden of Eden.

As you are doing this, think about God making you, too. When God created Adam and Eve, He created monkeys too – and Adam gave them their names.

Jesus, our Creator, came to Earth as a Baby because He knew this was the only way He could show us how much He loves you and me. When you accept Him as your Creator God then He promises He will create you to live forever with Him.

To enjoy learning more about God and creation, go to www.adventist.org.uk, Children’s Ministries Department, Resources.

Feedback from children who visit Christian Stars Children’s pages – or from their parents – is welcome. The address is children@adventist.org.uk. Heather Haworth, Children’s Ministries director, BUC
BUTREC is launched

On Tuesday 19 February 2013, the British Union Conference took another step forward in its aim of training, equipping and developing its ministers. It launched BUTREC (British Union Training, Resource, and Evangelism Centre) by hosting the first in a series of twenty-five seminars that will be conducted this year to enrich the lives of ministers.

Over the last few years, the Ministerial department at the BUC has been running seminars that were initiated by an institute of education. The direction has now shifted to the provision of practical seminars that will benefit the professional requirements for ministry in this union.

Our premier presenter and MBA graduate, Victor Pilmoor, clearly outlined the passion and vision of the union during his powerful opening seminar: ‘Your budget is a dream with price tags attached . . . prudent’ in dealing with the finances of the Church. He also made the comparison between budgeting and a prophetic vision.

According to his hypothesis: foresight, analysis, pre-planning, an historical context and an eye upon the future are all key elements that influence budgeting and prophecy. He clearly inspired the students constantly to place the vision of the Church before our members to enable them to meet their financial goals in the light of our mission.

At the end of the seminar, one pastor commented, ‘I didn’t know that handling a budget was so spiritual.’

Pastor Eglan Brooks, BUC Evangelism director, who is responsible for BUTREC along with Dr Brighton Kavaloh, BUC Ministerial director, said: ‘I believe the British Union Conference is establishing a centre of influence that will change the face of the ministry in the BUC, and will benefit our frontline workers and help them to inspire our members.’

These seminars will be jointly hosted by the Ministerial and Evangelism departments, with the support of other departments of the BUC. In this pilot year a number of TED, BUC, NEC, and SEC leaders, workers and lay members with specific expertise will deliver seminars to nurture, develop, and support the ministry, with a view to promoting excellence and maintaining a good level of quality in professional development for pastors and Bible workers.

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Women all over the globe celebrated international women’s day on 8 March, and London Ghana Church was no exception. They celebrated with a women’s ministry day of prayer on 2 March.

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Witnessing

In Wales

It is not every day that someone asks, ‘Would it be all right for me to come to your church on Saturday?’

This contact began on the street in Cardiff when Luna (her chosen British name) from China and Leslie Wood were waiting for the crossing lights to change. She explained that she is an International Journalism student on a one-year MA course at the university, and he told her that he is studying music. Luna asked if he would be the subject of a short film for her studies and they arranged an appointment to commence filming the following Sunday.

Luna and her Chinese friend Daisy (her chosen British name) met with Leslie and his wife, Miriam, at a Welsh chapel in Cardiff to film him playing the organ and being interviewed about his music studies. Hearing that he plays for a congregation every Saturday, Luna was keen to come to church to film him, hence the request.

Sabbath, 2 March, was a special day for Ystrad Mynach Church. Alvin Fielding presented a celebration related to St David’s Day, which Luna was able to film. The congregation sang Welsh hymns, and listened to the organ music by Brian Watkins repeating the Lord’s Prayer in Welsh and singing a Welsh solo. Miriam Wood, dressed in Welsh costume, also sang in Welsh. The enthusiastic singing carried over into the main service.

Luna was delighted by the welcome she received at Ystrad and enjoyed her various discussions on aspects of Christian belief during the Sabbath.

MIRIAM WOOD

The principal of the Adventist Discovery Centre (VOP) acknowledges with sincere thanks an anonymous donation of £5 received on 5 March 2013. We also acknowledge receipt of five applications for Bible and Health courses for individuals living in Trinidad, which we have forwarded to the Bible Correspondence School in Trinidad.

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O n Sabbath 2 March some 200 guests, mostly Ghanaians with many in traditional dress, packed Donnington Methodist Church for the inauguration of the Telford Ghana Seventh-day Adventist fellowship. The event was co-ordinated by Pastor George Asiamah, together with Daniel Appoh and others from the new fellowship. This was done in conjunction with EGACCOM (the Euro-Ghanian Community of Seventh-day Adventist Churches) and CCC (the Central Co-ordinating Committee of Ghanaian churches in the UK). Most of the proceedings were carried out in the Twi language, with interpretation provided by Pastor Collins Amofah, but there was one English Sabbath School class, led by Kingsley Asare Bediako. Many were surprised to learn that Telford, just 18 miles from Wolverhampton, is in the Welsh Mission. The reasons for this are practical rather than political, with Hereford, Telford and Shrewsbury forming a convenient link between the north and the south of Wales. Although there is another church in which they have worshipped, the Ghanaian members realised the need for services in their native language, for fellowship and outreach. The initial response has borne this out, with a number of visitors and former members now attending regularly.

Providing a pastor for this new fellowship is a challenge for Welsh Mission president, Pastor John Surridge. ‘We have new groups starting up all over and it’s a problem trying to fit them in to our district plan. We have a limited number of ministers and it doesn’t make sense to spread them too thinly. In the case of a Ghanaian congregation, whose members speak Twi, our options are even more limited. Fortunately a Ghanaian pastor in the south is willing to incorporate the new fellowship into his district – even though it is over 100 miles away!’

During the worship service, K. T. Abbequaye (EGACCOM executive treasurer and BUC Executive Committee member) welcomed the new Telford fellowship into the international Ghanaian Adventist community and read various messages of encouragement.

Pastor Surridge, wearing a traditional Ghanaian ‘Fugu’ outfit, pointed out that he felt a strong affinity with the Ghanaian Adventist community as he had spent some of his childhood in Accra, and his wife had been born in Ghana. Then, using the story of Daniel and his friends, he went on to highlight some of the pitfalls of trying to be faithful to God in a strange land. ‘Cultural and religious practices differ and it’s sometimes difficult to work out what is right and wrong in your new setting,’ he said. ‘Like Daniel and his friends we will have to use every means at our disposal – biblical knowledge, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and our own intelligence – to make these difficult decisions.’

Excellent music was provided throughout the day by the Telford Ghana Choir, the Birmingham Ghana Choir, the Reading and Slough Youth Choir, and Nana Amanwah Tiah, to name but a few. For lunch, every kind of Ghanaian dish was provided, including specially prepared balls of kenkey from the Londoners.

More than 100 photos from the day can be seen on the Welsh Mission website at: www.adventistwales.org.

**New fellowship in Wales**

by Collins Amofah and John Surridge

**Dundee ordains deaconesses**

Dundee Church is following the General Conference’s directive (Atlanta) that deaconesses may also be ordained. On Sabbath 9 March, under the leadership of Pastor Marcel Ghsola and Dundee’s team of elders, they ordained six deaconesses and two deacons.

**Charity support in Grantham**

Grantham Church actively supports a number of charities. On Sabbath, 16 February, the church’s children gathered 126 Creme Eggs during an unusual offering. These tasty treats were donated to the St Barnabas Hospice for fundraising.

The same evening, Natasha Cox and her team of young pancake-makers sold scores of tasty crêpes to raise more than £100 for the projects of ADRA-UK.

A week later the church invited local Foodbank (Trussel Trust) co-ordinator, Brian Hanbury, to receive an unexpected donation of £2,000! Brian was, to use his own words, ‘blown away’ by the generosity of the children. The church email contained this statement: ‘This provides the final amount to give us the longevity we require for the next year.’

**Health Emphasis Day**

On 9 March Northampton Highlands Avenue Church held a successful Health Emphasis Day under the guidance of the Eccles family. During the programme the congregation benefited from various insights and bright ideas that were designed to restore their bodies to ‘peak condition’.

**Peckham ordains**

On Sabbath, 8 March, the Peckham church ordained Balford Henry as first elder. He was baptised in Jamaica in 1965 before moving to the UK.

During the same service, Quinton Manuel was voted into fellowship after attending for several years.
Women's day of prayer
On 2 March the Bournemouth and Weymouth churches celebrated the International Women's Day of Prayer. The service was run by the women of the congregations and was full of beauty and inspiration – marked by a great selection of worship music.

Pauline Angela Burnett (1954–2012) d. 14 August
Pauline Angela Burnett, nee Cover, was born on 23 July 1954 in Half Way Tree, Kingston, Jamaica: the eldest sibling among the two girls and two boys who had often given sound advice on relationships, child rearing and a healthy lifestyle. She even started a weight-loss programme for them.

She was introduced to Adventism through Joan Carnegie, a sister at Hackbridge Church. She enjoyed church life and took part in many departmental and social activities. She was very kind and compassionate, and paid attention to the needs of those around her. She was dedicated to the church and engaged in selling our books for a living. It was during this time that she met and married David Burnett, a literature evangelist who became a ministerial student.

The couple travelled to Trinidad, where David pursued his ministerial studies at Caribbean Union College. The Burnetts had two children who they left for ‘trinidad, and a third, Matthew, was born on the island. Pauline believed that children could understand more than adults gave them credit for, so she spent hours conversing, nurturing and challenging them in the ways of God.

On returning in 1989, Pastor Burnett served as intern minister to two Bristol congregations. It was here that their youngest child, Christine Julia Burnett, was born. Pauline poured everything into these early years of her children’s lives and she received the reward by seeing them dedicated to God. Pauline was a great homemaker; she loved cooking, and conducted cooking demonstrations especially of vegetarian and vegan dishes.

Throughout Pastor Burnett’s ministry in the various congregations where she served, Pauline faithfully and wholeheartedly served as shepherdess in support of his ministry.

It was after a relentless battle with illness that Pauline fell asleep peacefully in Jesus, with her husband by her side, on 14 August 2012. She is survived by her husband, Pastor David Burnett; her children, Pastor Jonathan Burnett, Matthew, Priscilla and Christine; her sister, Valerie Moodie; her brothers, Cecil and Christopher; her daughters-in-law, Matt and Judy, and four sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; two grandchildren; thirteen aunts and nephews; and countless friends from the church communities she lovingly served as shepherdess.

Barbara Moore (1952–2012) d. 26 December
Barbara was born on 10 August 1952 in Half Way Tree, Jamaica, to Adventist parents; and was one of eight children. She moved to England in 1962 and attended Stanborough Secondary School, Bristol, where they found her to be ‘reliable, hard-working and trustworthy’. Barbara trained at Chiswick Polytechnic, London, and qualified as an enrolled nurse in 1973. She moved back to Bristol and worked nights as a staff nurse in Bristol Royal Infirmary’s operating theatre for over thirty years. Her work mates said she was a joy to work with – truly a modern-day Florence Nightingale.

She married Allan Moore in Bristol Central Church on 17 April 1981, and became a loving mother to Nicola (25), Thomas (23) and Christopher (18). She also had a grandson, Joshua (3) and a great-grandson, Paul (1). Barbara had many hobbies, including knitting and sewing – she even made wedding and bridesmaids dresses for friends. She enjoyed gardening and decorating – she could redecorate a room in a day! She was a fabulous cook, and her quiches will be sadly missed.

Barbara was a bookworm who studied God’s Word regularly and taught the lessons at Yate Church. She also helped to start and run a new Adventist group between the small towns of Yate and Chipping Sodbury seven years ago. Sadly, she unexpectedly died but peacefully in her sleep after hosting thirteen family members and friends on Christmas Day, 2012, just 60 years old.

Barbara’s service of remembrance was held on 7 January 2013 at both Bristol church’s venue, the United Church, followed by her cremation. Both services were taken by Pastor Richard Daley and Pastor Mike Tompkins.

There were 500 family members and friends at the church, including eighty from the hospital where she worked. So many people, all showing how much Barbara had touched their lives. A collection for ADRA after the service raised £4,000. Barbara will be sadly missed by many, till the blessed hope arrives.

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Induction at Stanborough Park

The Stanborough Park Adventurer/Pathfinder Club held a special candlelight induction service on 23 February. As the Little Lambs, Eager Beavers, Adventurers and Pathfinders were being inducted, parents, guardians and friends from far and near were there to add plenty of warmth and joy to this simple but solemn event. The service was led by Director Florence Alken, ably assisted by Deputy Directors Eileen Hussey, Jacqueline Deane, Andrew Tello and Yeunche Blyight, and Counsellor Mueller-Smith. The smartly dressed group confidently explained a summarised version of the requirements for each class and highlighted the Adventurer/Pathfinder pledges and laws.

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Intelligent Design seminar

ASI-UK and Stanborough Park Church will co-sponsor a seminar on Intelligent Design, at 3pm on Sabbath, 1 June, at the Stanborough Park church.

Professor John Walton of St Andrews University and Dr Alistair Noble, director of the Intelligent Design Unit, will be presenting a scientific and compelling argument as to why life must have been designed by our omnipotent God.

In particular, those who feel confused by the relentless propaganda of the prevailing secular arguments are invited to attend. If you would like more information or to book, please go to: http://adventistsbearministries.org.uk/forms/2264/form_submissions/new.

For those staying over lunch, a cup of soup and a bread roll will be available with prior online booking. For those unable to attend, the conveners are looking into the possibility of streaming the 3pm programme – this will be confirmed in Messenger.

JIM CUNNINGHAM, ASI PRESIDENT

Dedication of Ethan Schelephi

On 9 February a well-behaved Ethan Schelephi, son of Sally and Norbert, was dedicated by Pastor Robin Lewis. Robin challenged Sally and Norbert to dedicate themselves to God, together with the church family, in order to provide a loving Christian environment where Ethan could learn about Jesus. After the service a special cake was cut and enjoyed in honour of Ethan.

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